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FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL FROM GOVERNOR HARRIMAN

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SUBJECT: HARRIMAN LETTER TO PODGORNYY

1. FOLLOWING IS A THANK-YOU LETTER WHICH GOVERNOR HARRIMAN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TRANSMITTED TO MR. PODGORNYY.

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

ON BEHALF OF MY DELEGATION, MRS. HARRIMAN AND MYSELF, I WISH TO EXTEND MY SINCEREST THANKS TO YOU AND TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US DURING OUR STAY IN MOSCOW.

IT WAS A SIGNAL HONOR FOR ALL OF US TO BE ASKED BY PRESIDENT FORD TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT THE CEREMONIES HONORING OUR COMMON VICTORY IN THE WAR. FOR ME IT WAS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT TO REVISIT MOSCOW ON THIS OCCASION. HAVING LIVED THROUGH THE TRIALS OF THE WAR WITH THE SOVIET PEOPLE I WAS ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED TO BE PRESENT AT THIS JOYOUS ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE.

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHOM WE WERE CALLED UPON TO REPRESENT IN MOSCOW, LET ME EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT OUR UNITY OF PURPOSE IN WARTIME WILL SERVE TO UNITE US IN FURTHERING THE CAUSE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SINCERELY YOURS,

W. AVERELL HARRIMAN

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NIKOLAI V. PODGORNYY

CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF
THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
MOSCOW
END QUOTE.

2. GOVERNOR HARRIMAN WISHES TO THANK THE EMBASSY FOR ALL
ITS KINDNESSES DURING HIS STAY IN MOSCOW.

3. THE ORIGINAL OF GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S LETTER WILL BE
TRANSMITTED TO YOU BY POUCH.

RICHARDSON

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